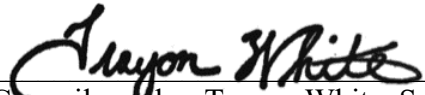


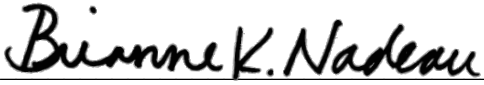
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29 To establish the District Waterways Management Authority and the District Waterways
30 Management Commission to comprehensively plan, manage, coordinate, promote, and
31 advocate for the diverse uses of and access to the District's waterways and adjacent
32 property, and to require the development of a District Waterways Management Action
33 Plan.
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35 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
36 act may be cited as the "District Waterways Management Authority Establishment Act of 2022".

37 Sec. 2. Definitions.

38 For the purposes of this act, the term:

39 (1) "Action Plan" means the Waterways Management Action Plan.

40 (2) "Commission" means the District Waterways Management Commission.

(3) “Authority” means the District Waterways Management Authority.

(4) “Task Force” means the District Waterways Management Interagency Task

Force.

(5) “Waterways” refers to the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and the

Washington Channel.

Sec. 3. Establishment; purpose and duties.

(a) The Mayor shall establish the District Waterways Management Authority.

(b) The purpose of the Authority will be to plan, manage, coordinate, promote, and advocate for the diverse uses of and access to the District’s waterways and adjacent property, including:

(1) In coordination with the District Waterways Management Commission established pursuant to section 4, the creation of the District Waterways Management Action Plan;

(2) Coordinating District, Maryland, Virginia, and federal government officials and agencies; businesses; community organizations; and the public on economic, public safety and security, environmental, recreation, and transportation issues relevant to the waterways and adjacent property; and

(3) Advising the Mayor and the Council on issues related to the District’s waterways and adjacent property, including public improvements, maintenance, operations, programming, budgeting, resiliency, planning, and public safety and security.

(c) The District agencies listed in section 4(b)(1)(C) shall provide the Authority with resources and information at the Authority’s request.

63 Sec. 4. Establishment of the District Waterways Management Commission; composition;
64 duties.

65 (a) There is established a District Waterways Management Commission to produce a
66 District Waterways Management Plan and annual updates, pursuant to section 5 of this act. The
67 commission shall not issue rules pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative
68 Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*).

69 (b) Commission members shall be appointed as follows:

70 (1)(A) Six voting members appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent
71 of the Council, pursuant to section 2(e) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979
72 (D.C. Law 2-141; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(e)), one with expertise in each of the following
73 areas:

- 74 (i) Public safety;
- 75 (ii) Environmental stewardship;
- 76 (iii) Economic development or tourism;
- 77 (iv) Maritime management or policy;
- 78 (v) Athletics and recreation; and
- 79 (vi) Maritime transportation.

80 (B) Seven voting members appointed by the Council as follows:

81 (i) One Councilmember, or the Councilmember's designee, whose
82 election ward borders a waterway;

83 (ii) Two Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners whose single-
84 member districts border a waterway, with one Commissioner representing a single-member
85 district east of the Anacostia River and one west of the Anacostia River;

(iii) Two representatives of Business Improvement Districts that border a waterway;

(iv) One representative from a marina or yacht club located in the District; and

(iv) One public member with expertise in one of the areas listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(C) At least one non-voting member appointed by the Mayor to represent each of the following agencies:

(i) The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development;

(ii) The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice;

(iii) The Metropolitan Police Department;

(iv) The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department;

(v) The District Department of Transportation;

(vi) The Department of Energy and Environment;

(vii) The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority;

(viii) The Washington Convention and Sports Authority; and

(ix) The Public Service Commission.

(D) The Mayor shall request the designation of non-voting members from the following federal agencies:

(i) The National Park Service;

(ii) The United States Coast Guard; and

(iii) The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

(b) A majority of the sitting voting members shall constitute a quorum.

(c) All voting members shall have equal voting power.

(d) All voting members shall serve for 4-year staggered terms, with no term limit; provided, that of the members initially appointed under this section, the 6 voting members appointed by the Mayor shall be appointed for a term of 4 years, and the 7 voting members appointed by the Council shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. The terms of the members first appointed shall begin on the date that a majority of the first members are sworn in, which shall become the date for all subsequent appointments.

(e) The District Waterways Management Authority shall provide administrative resources for the commission.

Sec. 5. District Waterways Management Action Plan.

(a) By July 1, 2022, the Commission shall develop and publish a District Waterways Management Action Plan (“Action Plan”) to create a strategic vision for the District waterways and adjacent property. In developing the Action Plan, the voting members of the commission shall interview all non-voting members, or another representative from that agency. The commission shall use these interviews and any additional research necessary, including consultations with subject-matter experts, to inform the Action Plan’s recommendations. The Action Plan shall include recommendations for the following:

(1) The orderly, safe, and efficient use of the waterways for boating and recreation;

(2) The public and private use of the property and infrastructure adjacent to the waterways;

(3) Promoting and facilitating interagency and regional coordination on issues relevant to the waterways and adjacent property;

(4) Environmental conservation and management of the waterways and adjacent property;

(5) Strategies for coordinated economic growth on and adjacent to the waterways;

(6) Assessments of safety and security risks and needs on and adjacent to the waterways;

(7) Identification of transportation gaps on and adjacent to the waterways; and

(8) Opportunities to increase local control of the waterways and adjacent property.

(b) The commission shall meet at least once every month until the first Action Plan is published and at least quarterly thereafter.

(c) The commission shall gather public input for the Action Plan and annual updates as follows:

(1) At least 90 days prior to publishing the Action Plan or an annual update, the commission shall hold at least two public meetings, one located east of the Anacostia River and one located west of the Anacostia River.

(2) At least 60 days prior to publishing the Action Plan or an annual update, the commission shall publish a draft Action Plan or annual update and provide a 30-day public comment period.

(d) The Council committee with jurisdiction over the Office of the City Administrator shall hold a hearing no later than one year following the release of the Action Plan.

(e) Following the Council hearing, the Commission shall make annual updates to the Action Plan.

154 Sec. 6. Open meetings.

155 Proceedings of the Commission shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act, effective
156 March 31, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-350; D.C. Official Code § 2-571 *et seq.*).

157 Sec. 7. Fiscal impact statement.

158 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
159 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
160 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

161 Sec. 8. Effective date.

162 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
163 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
164 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
165 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
166 Columbia Register.